1880s

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Hannah and William Hallman House (site)
Mt. Ephraim community
Private

This two story log house was the home of John Beall, one of the principal founders of the Black community in Mt. Ephraim at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain. Beall was born during slavery in 1824 in Frederick County, and purchased this land twenty years after emancipation. His descendants continue to own and live on the property he purchased.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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4 OWNER O	FPROPERTY				
NAME					
Paul Wilson		Telephone #926-7127			
STREET & NUMBER					
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__EXCELLENT

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X_ORIGINAL SITE

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__MOVED

DATE____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story log house stood on the west side of Mt. Ephraim Road. In plan and construction, it resembled the other log houses in the Mt. Ephraim community, standing two stories in height and containing two rooms down and two up. See photographs of the Frank Nichols and Bene Hallman houses for more details.

SPECIFIC DAT	res 1880s	BUILDER/ARCI	LITECT	***************************************		
1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY _INVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X_OTHER(SPECIFY) Black History		
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1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE		
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE		
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION		
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was probably the home of John H. Beall, the patriarch of the Hallman and present-day Wilson families. In 1883 he purchased a 12 3/4 acre tract from the white landowner Ephraim Harris for \$255. This purchase was made at the same time as his grandson Bene Hallman bought an tract adjacent to this one. Beall probably built this log house at the time of this purchase or soon thereafter in the early 1880s.

According to Paul Wilson, this site was the home of Hannah Hallman and her brother William, both of them unmarried and without children. In the will of their grandfather, John H. Beall, they were each left 3 acres of land from his tract purchased from Harris. Hannah was bequeathed "the improvements with her portion" -- that is, the house on it, presumably the house of John Beall since they were living together in the year 1900, according to the U.S. Census. Hannah was also to have "all of my furniture of every description in the house and my cow and calf and hogs". These bequests indicate that Hannah Hallman was receiving the homeplace of her grandfather, while the other heirs received portions adjacent of that 12 acre tract. According to the U.S. Census of 1900 for Frederick County, John Beall was born in 1824,

NOTE: Although the house of the Beall and Hallman families is no longer standing, the photographs of them have been copied as part of this survey. The originals are in the possession of Barbara Wilson, in Mt. Ephraim.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds: AF 7/513; 368/297; 503/255; 506/454; 664/144; 668/309; 758/475.

Wills: C.E.S. 1/560-561; Will of Hannah Hallman, probated 1938.

Oral interview with Paul Wilson, not taped, Mt. Ephraim community, May 79, By George McDaniel.
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